

Norwalk Notes

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LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX VOTE MARCH 1

I am writing this week to try to inform you about the upcoming penny sales tax vote March 1. On December 17, City Council passed a revenue statement that indicated how the sales tax revenues would be allocated. For Norwalk, we're going to use 25% of this new revenue to lower property taxes. The other 75% will go to costs associated with public safety, public works, street maintenance and/or any other lawful purpose within the city.

This is a county wide vote and the tax will be distributed based on population from the most recent census and taxes levied from 1982 thru 1985. According to state law, there is no sunset on this penny, unless the citizens of the county add it to a ballot and repeal it. Food items are exempted, as are cars and farm equipment.

What does this mean for Norwalk? If passed in Norwalk, and throughout the county, Norwalk will start receiving approximately \$450,000 the first year the penny is collected. So, according to the city's revenue purpose statement, the overall property tax burden in Norwalk will be reduced about \$112,500. Your council members will need to determine priorities on how to allocate the remainder of these funds.

While I cannot encourage you how to vote, I can tell you that we believe this could be a vital revenue stream for the City of Norwalk and it could be used to fund general obligation bonds in the future, which would be much better than funding bonds against property taxes.

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Mayor Tom Phillips

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All polling places will be open on Tuesday, March 1. You will vote at your regular voting precinct. Not sure where that is? Click on the following link to view the map. [Voting Precinct Map](#)

If you still have questions, you can call the Warren County Auditor at 515.961.1020.

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